GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
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ESI FACILITY TO LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of labourers covered under the ESI scheme in each State of the country and their percentage to the labour force in respective States;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to bring more labourers under the said scheme; and

(c) the reasons for not providing ESI facility to all the labourers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a): Out of a total workforce of 40.25 crores, the number of employees covered under the ESI Scheme as on 31.3.2002 are 71.59 lakhs, which works out to be 1.78% of the total workforce. State-wise details are at Annexure - `A`.

(b): A phased programme for implementation of ESI Scheme in new areas is drawn by the Corporation in consultation with the State/UT Governments every year. As per the phased programme for the year 2003-2004, it is proposed to extend the Scheme to 56 new areas to cover 1.09 lakh additional employees.

(c): As per the provisions of ESI Act, the Scheme can be extended only to factories using power and employing 10 or more persons and non-power using factories and certain specified establishments employing 20 or more persons. Further workers upto a wage ceiling of Rs.6500 per month are only covered under the ESI Scheme. Workers employed in smaller factories and in other categories of establishments as well as those in the unorganised sector are not coverable under the Scheme.

Further, as per the provisions of the ESI Act a composite package of benefits including comprehensive medical care is required to be provided to the workers covered under the ESI Scheme. The responsibility of creating necessary infrastructure for providing medical care in the States/UTs. rests with the concerned State/UT Government. Due to physical and financial constraints, the State/UT Governments have not been able to make necessary arrangements in all the areas for extending the scheme.

ANNEXURE-`A`

COVERAGE UNDER ESI SCHEME VIS-Ã€-VIS WORKFORCE

S.NO.	STATE/U.T.	TOTAL NO. OF WORKERS	NO. OF EMPLOYEES COVERED UNDER ESI SCHEME	% OF ESI COVERAGE TO TOTAL WORKFORCE IN THE STATE
1.	Andhra Pradesh	34865117	502400	1.44
2.	Assam & Meghalaya	10513489	31400	0.30
3.	Bihar	28080004	29850	0.11
4.	Chandigarh	339021	30100	8.88
5.	Chhattisgarh	9685260	29250	0.30
6.	Delhi	4526737	494000	10.91
7	Goa	522565	73150	14.00

8.Gujarat 20368797 440350 2.16

9.Haryana 8382890 349350 4.17
10.Himachal Pradesh 2991448 39350 1.31
11.Jammu & Kashmir 3688875 14700 0.40
12.Jharkhand 10127733 56500 0.56
13.Karnataka 23521533 628000 2.67
14.Kerala 10291258 333550 3.24
15.Madhya Pradesh 25756485 237100 0.92
16.Maharashtra 42053330 1037550 2.47
17.Orissa 14272764 114300 0.80
18.Pondicherry 342101 52300 15.29
19.Punjab 9141760 371150 4.06
20.Rajasthan 23781257 248850 1.05
21.Tamil Nadu 27811647 1063350 3.82
22.Uttaranchal 3133281 17900 0.57
23.Uttar Pradesh 54180232 429650 0.79
24.West bengal 29503278 535250 1.81
25.Sikkim 263320 + -
26.Arunachal Pradesh 482206 + -
27.Nagaland 849982 + -
28.Manipur 1069578 + -
29.Mizoram 469597 + -
30.Tripura 1158190 + -
31.Daman & Diu 72654 + -
32.Dadra & Nagar Haveli 114121 + -
33.Lakshadweep 15349 + -
34.Andaman & Nicobar island 136331 + -
TOTAL(ALL-INDIA) 402512190 7159350 1.78

+ The ESI Scheme is not in force in these States/Uts.

Source : The figures of the total workforce have been taken from Census Data for 2001 Census.